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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Present: Chairman Ladon Calhoun, Vice Chairman Jeff Cox, Commissioner Nixon, Commissioner Bowen Others Present: Faye Whittaker, Douglas Cofty, Andy Moore, Sage Laing, Courtney Alday Whitney Butler. Cody Hamilton

6:00 P.M. – Welcome & Call to Order. Prayer and pledge of allegiance

Housekeeping

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Calhoun stated we got one add on, the construction of conference meeting space. We need to talk about that. If there is no other thing need to be added. I need a motion to approve the agenda. I'll make a motion to approve the agenda. I need a second. Second. All in favor? All right.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Calhoun stated approval of the minutes. Everything looks to be in order. We need motion to approve. Make a motion. Need a second. Second. All in favor?

Approval of Financial Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated Financial report. Everybody looked at them and approved. I need a motion to approve it. I'll make a motion. Second. Second. All in favor? All right.

Appearances

NONE

Old Business

Mayhaw Shooting Range Update

Chairman Calhoun stated next the shooting range. Mr. Cofty stated Yes, sir. so, you know, when we went to Atlanta, we discussed it with Gerald Green and Ms. Freddie Powell Sim during that meeting, Mr. Gerald made a phone call. Well, I actually got a call from one of the directors that day and I called back the next morning,. So what they told me was that they submitted proposals to their legal team to, they really wouldn't tell me what the proposal were, but it they said it would benefit us. That's where we are now. We're just waiting on the legal team to get back to them and it's all going to be around that area. We won't have to move the road or anything like that. They didn't want to release the information. So, it is moving forward. Chairman Calhoun stated all right. Questions. We are going to move on.

New Business

NVR Replacement

Chairman Calhoun stated New business, the camera replacement system. Mr. Cofty asked Cody Hamilton, you want to kind of tell them about where we're at? Mr. Hamilton stated So, what I did is I reached out to Doug and several vendors. One Josh recommended, one we use in the city and the other one that the county previously used in the past being focus communications and before you have three bids on the exact same system. The only difference in the lower bid is that is a custom built machine, which means it's not built by Dell or anybody else. It is built by the actual camera manufacturing company. All the NDRs you have in front of you will hold up to 128 cameras, but we're licensing them for 70 cameras right out the gate. That means once this county reaches 70 cameras, then we'll have to come back and add licensing to that. But you're only talking have $100 a camera and that's good for the life of the server. We just didn't see a need of go ahead and buying all 128 channels at one time. You may never reach that point. I think the last I checked the server there was 46 or 47 cameras on the server. So between the 47 and the 70 that give you a plenty of growth of what the county manager has proposed to the park area, the fueling station and then also some cameras that the sheriff has requested down as well. My recommendation would be the Viper Technologies. I've used them using them for years. They're local. They're about a three-hour drive from us. They'll actually bring the server down and install it for us and they'll start the transition. Chairman Calhoun stated Any questions? We need a motion to enter into agreement with Viper Security for the NDR replacement camera system. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded, All in favor. Motion carried.

Intellectual Development Disabilities Awareness Month

Chairman Calhoun stated next is Intellectual Development Disabilities Awareness Month. Mr. Cofty stated I was contacted by Aspire they wanted to be here tonight but they had other occasions. March is intellectual development disabilities awareness month. They just wanted us to do a proclamation for that. Chairman Calhoun stated Do I need to read all that? Mr. Cofty stated No, you don't need to read it. Chairman Calhoun stated so we just need a motion to make March Intellectual Development Disabilities Awareness Month. That's correct. Need a motion for that. I'll make a motion. Any second? Second. All in favor?

Department Reports

Chairman Calhoun stated any department reports. Mr. Cofty stated on the fueling station? I did get in touch with Barber and they're going to be coming back down. What we pretty much decided and talked about is we just need to add another one pump this time to the to the diesel side to the offroad side and that's going to free up a lot traffic. I was over there the other day and there's like five vehicles back up. I do know that's we're about 350,000 gallons of unleaded to about 182,000 of diesel. So I mean we're selling double the unleaded. So we just need to go ahead and add that one pump time. So as soon as they get we get the other cameras over there so we can start getting actual gauges a lot better. The batteries are starting to run out those tank monitoring systems and there's no sense of redoing that. I could just count that.

Chairman Calhoun stated you have anything else. Mr. Cofty stated I know the sheriff said he didn't have anything this go around, but I do know that Andy wanted to kind of talk to you all about 309 that's going down. Go ahead Andy. Mr. Moore stated the 309's been down and you know they working on it and they've been trying to figure out exactly what parts bad because all the parts that's causing the problem is expensive. So they didn't want to just start throwing parts at it. You know, we got some valves on there. You got the hydraulic pump and you talking 6,000 a pump. So they've been coming. They tested it today and I hadn't heard from them late this evening. They tested the pressure on the hydraulics and we trying to find exactly where the problems at but it's you know been down couple week or this the second week you know down last week. It's you know we talked about it's out of warranty. So we are having to cover the cost. So that's why I didn't want just throwing parts at it, you know. we may want to consider looking at something different, you know, because that thing's four going on five years old. It's been out there a long time running. And, that's up to you all. But I don't want to get we don't want to get both of them, you know, more out at the same time. It's running okay right now, but it's getting a lot, you know, it's getting wear on it, too. So, don't want to wind up have both of them, you know, where we need to replace both of them at the same time. But I talked to some of the folks up today. They staying on top of us, you know, getting them keeping a mechanic out there working on it, trying to get it back up and running. So, I'm hoping tomorrow, the next day, maybe we'll be back up running or maybe we'll just be waiting on the part. You know, we'll know which one's bad. I think he was out there with some of these machines for running the ones, the proposals he got. I don't know if you were out there with the she was out there with the bowler back.

Commissioner Bowen stated yes, I was out there with two of them. Mr. Moore stated the ones that we turned in a quote on we Mr. Keith's been out there some. We've talked around to a lot of different people on the Eagle, which is the orange one. The only thing I've heard about is it don't like wiring the deck, which none of them really do, but pretty good results out of the machine, the Mower Max. The only bad thing I've heard about it is where the air conditioner is on it. It's not where you can blow it out every day. you have to really disassemble a lot of stuff, you know, to keep it blew out. And that's kind of a downfall to it, you know, far as keeping your air conditioner running, but everybody talks like the machine runs well, you know. Commissioner Bowen stated So, did they ever get back with Shelly about the possibility of getting one just come off lease or anything? Mr. Moore stated yeah, we did, but there won't be no warranty on and the price is not very much. there's very little difference in the price of it and the new one and then it won't have no warranty. So, you know, I didn't think that would be a very good option, you know. Chairman Calhoun stated can you buy more warranty on these or just you can get I think get an extended warranty on them. Mr. Moore stated you know we have to really check into more when we really look at one. And we are going to put if we run them like we've been running it, you know, in

the past, we are going to put 6,000 or 7,000 hours on them in five years. You know, that's why we all if we lease one or something, we go with a 75 100 hour warranty. Commissioner Cox stated did you ask them about trading in that one? Mr. Moore stated I hadn't talked to anybody about trading, Jeff. We was just kind of looking, seeing what the price, you know, is on it. that 309 still under lease so we paid off before we trade, It'd be nice if we, you know, could work it out to hang on to it. We could really use it, you know, and give the big one a little bit of a break and we can work in two places loading and working in the road. It just needs calming down from running that hydraulic pump all day. They run so hot with that hydraulics running all day and when it gets 100° them two machines, both of them, you can't hardly touch them nowhere, you know, because that hydraulics are just sitting there and there's no air around them because they're not moving, you know. They're not pulling any air in to help cool it off, you know. They pretty much just kind of sitting in one spot. The heat really takes a toll on either one of them. I mean, that's if you all want to look a little harder, you know, we can kind of check into more things like, you know, how many hours the warranty covers. I mean, we really get down to looking at them harder. You know, I think Mr. Keith agreed that when we watched them run, seemed like the Eagle made a lot better time, didn't Mr. Keith, to you? I mean, it was that thing was doing some cutting. You know, the Mower max was doing a good job cutting, too. I'm not knocking either one of them but just seemed like me and him talked about it a little when we was out there that that thing was it was making pretty good time, you know, going along..

Commissioner Bowen stated you don't have one on the, You just got one here on the Mower Max. It's the only the only quote that we got right now. Chairman Calhoun stated no, he's got that first page. This one right here got RW on the front. Commissioner Bowen stated gotcha. Mr. Moore stated we looked at another one that was called a mammoth or something, but it was I thought it was more of a knockoff of another one, you know, kind of a cheaper version of them. And I didn't, you know, didn't get any didn't did didn't nobody know nothing about it, you know. Nobody had one that I talked to. Nobody had one, so I didn't really look at it that hard. Donalsonville actually has one of each of those, which isn't good and bad and all of them, you know. Chairman Calhoun stated we'll let you get up some more information on it and we'll study on the 309. Mr. Cofty stated I will get the payoff on the 309,It's probably going to be about 18,000. Chairman Calhoun stated you think it's worth that?

Chairman Calhoun stated Whitney, you got anything? Sage, you got anything. Mark, you got anything. Mr. Hawkins stated nothing other than quotes. Chairman Calhoun stated you want to talk about that Doug. Mr. Cofty stated yes like the build size. Mr. Hawkins stated yes, it's going to be a 30 by 50. I finally got four contractors to give me a try a quote on them. Mr. Cofty stated so that's those four quotes right there in that orange folder. So if you want to study on it no action needed.

Chairman Calhoun stated do you want to talk about the P25 radios. Mr. Hamilton stated I'll let you know the radio system has been installed in all the patrol cars, all the power units. The portables are all been programmed. They're all ready to be issued out. They are coming next week to install the antennas. Once they install that, they will test the last week of March, first week of April. And we're looking at a go live date of April. Chairman Calhoun stated and for everybody that don't know, P25 system will interface with the state patrol and everybody. Mr. Hamilton stated they'll be able to talk to us on it. We won't be able to talk to them, but they'll be able to switch communication if we need to. Chairman Calhoun stated everyone , the city and county, everybody will be able to talk together. Mr. Hamilton stated correct, so it'll give you communication with all the surrounding counties including everybody except Early County. They are not P25 but Decatur, Seminoles, but not early. Newton and Baker and then it opens us up to some more regional communications through some E-

way channels as well. Chairman Calhoun stated anyone else got anything if not we need to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor.

Executive Session
Personnel

Returned from executive session with no action taken Thank you. And we'll make a motion to go into executive session. Well, I don't know. came out of executive session took no action. So nothing else to go over. I need a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Cox made motion, Commissioner Nixon seconded. All in favor.

Meeting is adjourned.

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Cristene Edwards, Commissioner – District 1

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Jeff Cox, Vice Chairman – District 2

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Keith Bowen, Commissioner – District 3

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Niki Nixon, Commissioner – District 4

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Ladon Calhoun, Chairman – District 5

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Douglas Cofty, County Manager